

REMARKS

Applicants amended claims 15-28. Applicants present claims 15-28 for examination.

Applicants have amended claims 16-27 to obviate the Examiner's rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16-27.

The Examiner rejected claims 15, 24-26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Spinali in view of Lehman, alone or further in view of Hudyma. Applicants do not concede that the Examiner properly characterized the subject matter disclosed by Spinali, Lehm or Hudyma or the subject matter covered by claims 15, 24-26 and 28, as previously presented. Applicants also do not concede that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine these references in the manner indicated by the Examiner or that the result of such combination would have been the subject matter covered by claims 15, 24-26 and 28, as previously presented. Nonetheless, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn, at least in view of the amendments to independent claims 15 and 28.

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